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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Schrott et al.

Serial No.: 09/306,510

Group Art Unit: 2635

Filed: May 7, 2000

Examiner: Vernal Brown

For: INTELLIGENT ANTITHEFT METHOD AND SYSTEM COMBINING MAGNETIC  
TAGS AND SMART CARDS

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A system for preventing theft of an object, comprising:
- an electronic article surveillance (EAS) device operatively attached to an object;
  - a security path for detection of said EAS device;
  - a reader operatively coupled to said security path;
  - a smart card for being read by said reader, said smart card containing an identification profile of an authorized user of said object; and
  - a computer attached to said reader, said computer disabling a security gate if a person